GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1192
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005
RAISING QUANTITY OF GARBAGE
Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru;Varma Shri Ratilal Kalidas

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether quantity of garbage is rising drastically on the Himalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this garbage will adversely affect the environment; and

(d) if so, the details of the special scheme to be formulated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Due to large number of tourist and religious places, the Himalayan States are experiencing difficulties in management of increasing quantities of solid waste.

(c) The environment quality is likely to be affected due to inadequate facilities for waste treatment and disposal..

(d) Under the Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000, the concerned local bodies are required to set up waste processing plants. Provisions of specially designed land fills are also prescribed under the Rules. Further, the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Central Pollution Control Board under existing schemes have funded projects for the setting up of model facilities with the aim to demonstrate the implementation of Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000.